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Civility & Protocol
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***"Civility
costs nothing
and buys
everything."***

***-Lady Mary Wortley
Montagu***



What is Civility, Protocol and Decorum?

Civility comes from the Latin word for citizen. It is the common language for communicating respect for one another

Protocol and decorum are ways of speech and behavior that show respect to the people you are interacting with, your role as a Representative, your constituents and the institution



The Purpose of Decorum

It's Being a Part of Something That is Bigger Than Yourself

Civility Can Directly Impact Outcomes

It's About Ideas, Not Personalities

"All meetings must be characterized by fairness and by good faith. Trickery, overemphasis on minor technicalities, dilatory tactics, indulgence in personalities, and railroading threaten the spirit and practice of fairness and good faith."

-Alice Sturgis, author of Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure



Why is Civility Important?

Reflects On You and Those Who Elected You

Levels the Playing Field

Acknowledges the Rich History and Traditions of the House

Demonstrates Acting in Good Faith



Putting Protocol Into Practice

It Starts With How We are Addressed



Putting Protocol Into Practice

Walking Around in the Capitol and in the District

You are a Representative 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Listening for Understanding

Empathy

Humility

Conscience



Putting Protocol Into Practice

Protocol in Committee Meetings



Putting Protocol Into Practice

Protocol in the Chamber



Civility is Possible in an Uncivil World

How Can People Who Have Different Beliefs Work
Together for the Common Good in a Political
Environment?



Get To Know One Another Personally, Not Just Professionally

Did You Know?

One of us was selected for the U.S. Elite Barefoot Water Ski Team

One of us once appeared on the show "Fear Factor" in 2004

One of us is a blue belt in Brazilian Jujitsu

One of us has completed two Ironman races and two Boston Marathons

One of us was the Crew Team Captain their senior year at the U.S. Naval Academy

Three of us have recently had children

Thank you!

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